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Delicate Task

MR Chou En-lai's Peking statement on the Formosa Straits problem is disappointing insofar that it adds practically nothing to his Bandung declaration in which conciliatory overtures to the United States were generously mixed with expressions of determination to "liberate" Taiwan. The mere reiteration of these sentiments does little, if anything, to bring the conflict nearer the negotiating table.

Rather more encouraging is the report that the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking is now engaged in secret talks with the Chinese Premier designed to discover acceptable means of bringing about a meeting between the United States and Communist China. It is a delicate proposition because it is also necessary to ensure that any Peking-Washington talks lead to a wider conference, involving the presence of the Chinese Nationalists.

TOWARDS this crucial subject Mr Chou's present attitude is thoroughly discouraging. He declares categorically that the Chinese Communists are not prepared to take part in an international conference on a ceasefire or discuss the future of Formosa if Chinese Nationalists are included. The United States is equally insistent that she will discuss nothing affecting the interests of the Chinese Nationalists without the presence of their representatives.

On the basis of these diametrically opposed viewpoints, it would appear the situation is already hopelessly stalemated. Nevertheless there exists room for effective diplomatic manoeuvring if the Peking leaders are willing to display a measure of goodwill.

The British desire is to solve the complicated problem of the Formosa Straits and the future status of Formosa piecemeal. The immediate threat to peace in the Far East, and even to the world, rests in the dispute for the offshore islands of Matsuo and Quemoy. If that can be settled amicably and satisfactorily, tension will be immediately relieved and a more favourable atmosphere created for dealing with the subject of Formosa.

GEOGRAPHICALLY the Matsuo and Quemoy group of islands can fairly be regarded as part of China and as such the de facto government of the mainland is morally entitled to control and administer them. Strategically they are not considered important or as part of the United States defensive perimeter in the West Pacific. Wherefore, no justification exists for defending them against the Chinese Communists if, in so doing, this led, as it very well could, to wider hostilities of an international character.

The surrender of the islands through negotiations would not constitute appeasement, for there would have to be an undertaking from Peking to forgo her "liberation of Formosa" quest by arms, and a willingness to submit the whole question to international negotiations. The piecemeal procedure for resolving the Formosa problem would appear to hold out the best chances for success, and if Mr Trevelyan can convince Mr Chou to adopt such a method of settling the dispute he will have performed a notable service in the cause of international peace.

# BIG 4 TALKS SUBJECTS FORECAST

## Germany, Disarmament And A-Weapons Says Mr Dulles UNIQUE TV BROADCAST TO THE NATION

Washington, May 17.

The Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, said today that he expected the Big Four conference to discuss the reunification of Germany, disarmament, atomic weapons, the satellite countries and international Communism "which is such a pest around the world".

He said he thought there was a possibility of some good coming from the conference, but he warned against any people getting their hopes too high as to results.

He spoke to the American people by television, radio and press media from the office of President Eisenhower, who sat beside him and interjected approving remarks from time to time during the speech.

Mr Dulles said he could only guess why the Soviet Union was at last willing to enter into four-power talks to reduce world tension but he thought that perhaps it was because it realised that it should conform more to the moral principles of the civilised world.

He stressed also that it probably was a fruit of the Western nations' policy of being strong to defend their freedom and principles.

President Eisenhower agreed with that.

Mr Dulles was reporting to the President and the US public on his recent visit to Europe, during which Germany was brought into the Western European Union and into NATO and the Austrian State treaty was signed.

It was an unprecedented event, because never before has a Cabinet officer spoken to the nation by way of television from the President's office. Members of the Cabinet sat around the same table, with Mr Dulles and the President in the central positions, in an informal atmosphere.

Mr Dulles said that events in Europe in the last week or so appeared to be a turning point in the civilisation of that area.

He said the four Foreign Ministers discussed for hours in Vienna the proposed meeting at the summit of the four Powers. He said that as far as he could judge the Soviets accepted the idea of that meeting. "At least they said they did," he added.

"Of course," he continued, "we are wondering and everybody is wondering why the Soviets may be willing to change their plans and attend such a meeting. Nobody knows certainly. I have thought about it and thought that in all well-ordered communities there are many people who do not believe in the rules, principles or the ordinances of the group, but they finally conform. Lots of people live up to the ordinances even though they don't believe in them. It may be the Soviet Union, which has been trying to buck (frustrate) everything, finally feels that it should conform more to the rules and principles and practices of the civilised community."

"I don't think that they have got religion (changed their way of life) but merely from the point of being practical they may have decided to conform. It is a possibility worth exploring. Maybe some good will come from the meeting."

In any case, he concluded, the United States could face the future more certainly because it knew that the policies it had followed recently with sacrifices but with bipartisan support of its people was beginning to get results.

"If we stick to them we will be all right," said Mr Dulles. The danger was, he added, that some people would now say they could turn to something different; the important thing was that those policies had worked.

Mr Eisenhower interposed here to say: "In a word, we will stay strong and stay vigilant, but we will not extinguish the hope that a new dawn may come, although the sun may be slow in rising."

The President ended by thanking Mr Dulles for a "brilliant report" of his activities in Europe.

## TURNING OF THE TIDE

Mr Dulles said the fulfilment of the Paris pacts in Europe last week "may mark a turning of the tide in history". He said that when Germany was admitted to the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, its representative sat down by the side of the French representative since they were alphabetically next to each other.

"When this happened," he said, "we felt that a new page had opened in European history. The vision that so many had had for so many years seemed to be coming true."

He commented that "Western civilisation had almost committed

suicide" in this area during the last 100 years.

"But now we thought we had put together agreements in such a way that civilisation will have a new lease on life, that Europe will be saved for itself and all humanity."

Mr Dulles said that during his visit to Europe he also talked about Asia and he told the European statesmen that if they liked United States policy in their part of the world they should also like this policy in Asia.

"We are doing the same thing in Asia as in Europe," he said. He told them, "We are helping defend freedom wherever there

are free men who want to defend it."

Mr Eisenhower smiled broadly during Mr Dulles' discussion of this point and interposed that what Mr Dulles told the European statesmen was good.

Turning to the Indo-China situation, Mr Dulles said that the Diem government of South Vietnam was a free government that took dictation from no one. "It is not a puppet government," he said. "If it were that kind, we would not support it because it would not last."

He said he talked over the situation "hour after hour" with French leaders on several days last week.

## THE AUSTRIAN TREATY

"There seems to be now more chance of co-ordination of ours and the French policies than heretofore," he said. "Meanwhile, the government of Vietnam, which was almost on the ropes a few weeks ago, seems to be gaining support both inside and outside the country."

Mr Dulles recounted the long negotiations, which involved meetings of diplomatic representatives over an eight-year period, for an Austrian treaty. He pointed out that many a time a treaty "seemed to be just around the corner."

"It turned out to be a series of corners," said Mr Dulles with a smile.

He praised the Austrian people for keeping their "nerve" during the long wait. The break finally came with the Soviet announcement a few weeks ago that it was willing to pull its troops out of Austria. Mr Dulles recalled.

"It was just one of those breaks that come along if you remain steadfast and keep the pressure on," he said.

He said the treaty signing ceremony last Sunday was an event that "those who saw it will never forget."

"The thing that struck me as I passed through the streets was the joy of the older people who knew the liberties of the past—19 years past—and at last saw them returned," he said. "I saw the older people jumping up and down with joy and it made your heart warm at the thought that you were able to make some contribution to this spirit of joy."

During his recital of the events in Austria, Mr Dulles was not interrupted by the President, who listened seriously and intently at his side.

The Secretary then turned to speculation on what the dramatic reversal of the Soviet policy in Austria might mean. He said that although what reasons motivated the Soviet change were not known, certain facts were clear.

For one thing, he said, this marked the first time that the Red Army had turned its face to the East since 1945.

"That is bound to have a tremendous impact in other countries where the Red Army is in occupation," he said. "Furthermore, the joy so manifest in the Austrian people is going to be contagious. And

it (the Austrian spirit) will surely spread to the neighbouring countries." — United Press.

## Train Crash Drama

Johannesburg, May 17. Ambulances, with sirens screaming, sped to the scene of an expected train crash some 50 miles from here today and arrived minutes before the accident occurred.

Station masters at Devonport and Toevling, north of Johannesburg, realised that two freight trains were speeding towards each other on the same track. They were powerless to warn or stop the two trains.

So they called the ambulances to be on hand when the collision occurred.

One engineer was sent to hospital with head injuries. All other trainmen managed to jump clear before the crash. Several freight cars and the engines telescoped, blocking the line. — United Press.

## Duce's Body To Be Buried In Cemetery

From Conrad Allen

Rome, May 17. Mussolini's body will soon be handed over to his family for burial in the cemetery of his native village of Predappio, Central Italy.

Until recently the body has been hidden in a place in North Italy known only to the Prime Minister and to five high police officials. Then a few weeks ago it was secretly moved to the Capuchin monastery of Montepalco, eight miles from Predappio.

No official announcement has been made but I had the report confirmed by a member of the Mussolini family. The fact that the body has been brought so near to his native village is interpreted as a sign that final interment is imminent.

So far the government has kept the former Duce's body hidden in order to avoid political demonstrations by Fascists. — London Express Service.

## Widow's Disclosure At Inquest

Newcastle, May 17.

A 28-year-old widow told an inquest here that she left her 85-year-old husband lying dead in their gas-filled kitchen for 20 minutes while she gave their son of ten his breakfast and sent him to school.

Only then did she inform the police.

The widow, Mrs Mary Senior, explained in reply to questions: "My husband was cold. I knew he was dead. I wanted the boy off to school because I knew how upset he would be."

Albert Senior, the husband, was last seen alive the previous night when he went to bed about 11 o'clock. The wife found him next morning on the kitchen floor lying by the gas oven.

She said he had been depressed because he had not a job and the local assistance people had suggested that she put their 17-month-old baby in a nursery and took a job herself.

His suicide note to her declaring, "This is all your doing," may have referred to her being charged recently in court.

They were married in 1945. The coroner decided that Senior committed suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed. — China Mail Special.

## ALIMONY NOT ENFORCEABLE

New York, May 17.

An agreement by actress Betty Davis to pay \$250 (about £90) a month alimony to her former husband, the ex-boxer William G. Sherry, was held to be unenforceable by the superior court in Portland, Maine, today.

Mr Sherry may appeal to the State Supreme Court. Miss Davis paid alimony for three years after the agreement was signed in 1950. When she stopped paying, Mr Sherry said, "The actress is now married to actor Gary Merrill." — Reuter.

## PRES. PERON ILL

Buenos Aires, May 17.

President Juan Peron of the Argentine was today reported to be suffering from influenza. He is 59. — Reuter.

## GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

## Macmillan And Eden State Their Case

London, May 17.

Mr Harold Macmillan, British Foreign Secretary, said in a nation-wide television broadcast tonight that the German problem "cannot be treated like that of Austria" in the coming four-power talks.

He was replying to a question as Sir Anthony Eden and other top ministers faced a cross-examination by ten British editors in part of the Conservatives' general election campaign.

Mr Macmillan said of the German question that a solution must be found which reduced Russian fears — if any — yet maintained the solid strength of the Western powers.

"If we give that away we shall lose the immense ground we have gained."

Mr Macmillan noted that although Russia had not yet formally replied to the Western owners' invitation to "summit" talks, Mr Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, told him in Vienna on Saturday that the Russian government "would be very happy to accept."

Germany's position would be a basic problem at the top-level talks at which "a lot of things" would be discussed, Mr Macmillan said.

Referring to suggestions that Germany should be neutralised, he quoted a recent speech by Sir Anthony Eden in which the Prime Minister had said "if Germany is to be neutralised and armed who is to keep her neutral? If she is to be kept neutral and disarmed, who is to keep her disarmed?"

## KREMLIN QUERY

Mr Macmillan said: "It was always part of our Conservative government policy to seek these talks." But he stressed that any agreement of the London and Paris agreement for "armament" West Germany was "essential" before such a meeting.

In a composite question on foreign issues Mr Macmillan was also asked whether British ministers were sure who the "summit level" is in the Kremlin now — but he did not reply to this point.

One editor raised the question of the fight by Britain's Lancashire cotton area against cheap cloth imports and asked the government's view on "recent Socialist pressure" for restrictions on Indian textile imports.

Sir Anthony Eden said the Indian offer to take more exports was "helpful" but this did not solve the problem.

To stop imports coming in from different parts of the Commonwealth raised a very big issue of another character affecting not only Lancashire but all our export trade. "That is not a decision I would be prepared to take in an election campaign," he said.

## DISARMAMENT

Another editor said the world was geared to an armaments economy. In the event of disarmament, Britain's lifeline might well lie with her trade connections with the Commonwealth and Colonial empires. Was the Conservative Party fully conscious of this? he asked.

"Emphatically yes," the Prime Minister said. He added that he was not scared of the outcome of disarmament. Other schemes were being carried through which would counteract its effects, such as the Colombo Plan for Southeast Asian development. Britain's part must be the support of such schemes, especially in relation to the Commonwealth and colonies. — Reuter.

## GOVT RESIGNS

The Hague, May 17.

The Dutch coalition government of Dr. Willem Drees tonight offered its resignation to Queen Juliana following its defeat in the Lower House on the domestic issue of higher rents. The Queen said she would consider the request, it was announced. — Reuter.

## HOTEL TRAGEDY IN KOWLOON

Signor R. Pioppa, Commercial Attache of the Italian Consulate-General in Hongkong, this morning jumped or fell from a sixth floor window in the Peninsula Hotel, and died immediately from multiple injuries.

The tragedy occurred about 9.30 a.m.

Signor Pioppa arrived in the Colony about a year ago.

Last night he booked a room at the Peninsula Hotel and was given one on the sixth floor which overlooks Hankow Road.

Many people saw the tragedy and the police and an ambulance were called immediately.

The deceased suffered severe injuries, including broken arms and legs, and he died before he could be removed to hospital.

The Italian Consulate-General refused to give any information.

A spokesman, in reply to questions, declared, "No. I know nothing about it. I don't know anything." Police confirmed the man's identity.

## Activities To Be Suppressed

Tehran, May 17. Provincial governors throughout Persia have been instructed to suppress the activities and publications of the Bahai religious sect, one of the world's newest religions. Asmudullah Alam, Persian Minister of the Interior, announced today. He added that implementation of these instructions was the responsibility of the security forces, and that unofficial moves against the Bahais would be punished. — Reuter.

## Poles Getting Warmer

Geneva, May 17. Meteorologists can now record the "warming" of the North and South Poles. Dr Francis W. Remchender, former President of the World Meteorological Organisation and head of the US Weather Bureau, made this disclosure here today. He said the "warming" phenomenon has been going on for 50 years, and that scientists have up to now recorded a rise of one to two degrees centigrade in the Northern Hemisphere, where the ice was gradually melting, and the water and air getting warmer. — France-Press.

## Earth Tremor Recorded

New York, May 17.

The Fordham University seismograph today recorded two strong earth tremors, believed to be located in Southeast Asia.

The Boston College seismograph recorded at about the same time (1509 GMT) two strong tremors in the area south of the Philippines. — France-Press.

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## German Property In Austria

### PROPOSALS AWAITED

Bonn, May 17.

West Germany will await Austrian proposals for a settlement of the dispute between the two countries on the future of former German property in Austria, a Foreign Office spokesman said tonight.

The Government decided to wait and see what Austria has to suggest as a result of a two-hour meeting today between Dr C. H. Mueller Graf, West German trade chief in Vienna, and Professor Walter Hallstein, permanent head of the Foreign Office.

West Germany told Austria yesterday of her disappointment at the terms of the Austrian State Treaty signed on Sunday with Britain, the United States, France and Russia.

The Foreign Office spokesman said a statement by Dr Julius Raab, the Austrian Chancellor, that ways and means can be found to settle the dispute had been noted.

The original draft treaty was said to have left open the possibility of former German property being returned to Germans while that signed on Sunday permits only the return of property valued at up to \$10,000 (£3,600) to private individuals.

Herr Mueller Graf, who was recalled from Vienna, has left Bonn for a long holiday.—Reuter.

## Britain & India Could Show The World

London, May 17.

Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former President of the United Nations, declared in London last night that Britain and India could show the world through the British Commonwealth that East and West can work together.

In this inter-dependent world a nation could reach understanding with another more quickly if they had some link. India had been so influenced by Britain—her laws, parliamentary democracy and many other aspects of her life—that her decision to remain in the Commonwealth after gaining independence came naturally.

Without grudges against anybody and with the desire to create and strengthen bonds of friendship with all.

Mrs Pandit said that all through the Indian national struggle there was an increasing awareness of the position of women and women themselves had played so large a part in that struggle that when freedom came they took their place naturally in public life. Indian women took political life in their stride.

While everyone in India was not literate there was a cultural pattern handed down through the ages which gave them the necessary background and made them rounded personalities.

"The East is definitely aware and women of the East are conscious of the need to join hands with women everywhere and with human beings everywhere," Mrs Pandit said.

She was speaking at a reception held for her by the National Women's Citizen Association, —China Mail Special.

### A TRIUMPH

India's decision was a triumph for the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, who taught his country to labour for what was considered right without malice and with goodwill.

The nation secured her freedom from Britain without

### Reparations Will Pay For Electric Scheme

Rangoon, May 17. Japanese war reparations payments to Burma will be used to finance a hydro-electric project started 300 miles north of Rangoon, official sources disclosed here today.

The project will cost 170,000,000 kyat (\$38,000,000). The plant will be built at Blauchang and will provide 84,000 kilowatts of electrical energy when completed. It is expected to be finished in 1957.

Last year the Burmese Government engaged the Japanese firm which constructed the Yalu hydroelectric plant in North Korea to do the work. The same firm will continue the construction under the new arrangement.—France-Press.

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# Nathaniel Gubbins

AS things are looking pretty grim, it is not surprising that a cautious newspaper correspondent is already asking, "What is heaven like?" and "Shouldn't our religious teachers in these days give us a new conception of it?"

I must confess that this problem has always bothered me because the people who appear to think they are going to heaven are never the people you could be happy with for eternity, or even for five minutes.

Although I have the greatest respect for other people's religious beliefs, I have often wondered what the spiritualists' heaven is like. According to their own evidence, it is full of uncles and aunts you may never want to see again and gloomy Red Indians you would never want to meet. Therefore, I think their heaven may be the other place.

I have also asked what the Salvation Army's heaven is like. Again, I have the greatest respect for their beliefs and good works, but if their heaven is full of tone-deaf bandmen blowing trumpets and banging drums for ever and ever, then they can have it.

And now I have read about the Rev. C. L. Lacey of Washington, U.S., who preached a nine-hour sermon lasting 48 hours 15 minutes, I am beginning to wonder where he is going and hoping I'm going somewhere else.

Yes, even the other place would do.

## Cat's Life

HERE is a boxing commentary by your Uncle Nat, published in The Animal's Newspaper, of a one-round contest between two heavy-weight tom cats, Basher Tibbs and the Southpaw Mog, for the favours of Lottie the Devil Cat. The fight took place in the garden of the Sea Nest, Lottie and several excited girl friends occupied grandstand seats round the dustbin.

Well, there they are in their corners. Basher Tibbs looks the heavier of the two but the Southpaw Mog has the edge on him for speed. Both boys look

fit, and the result may depend on whether the slow moving, heavy punching Basher will be quick enough to dodge the lightning lefts and vicious right upknights of the Southpaw.

Well, here they are, coming out of their corners. They touch paws and break away. Each boy circles the ring watching the other for an opening move. The Basher leads with the left, but the Southpaw sways his head back and the punch whistles harmlessly past his whiskers.

Now the Basher tries another left followed by a right swing, but the Southpaw is out of the way in a flash. This Southpaw boy is very quick on his feet and is probably waiting for the Basher to leave an opening.

The Basher tries again with another left and another right swing but misses. He is very wide of the mark but if one of those powerful rights connects it is certainly going to shake the Southpaw Mog.

But the Southpaw is not fazed out easily. He's waiting for his opportunity. And now he's got it. Yes, he's got his opportunity. The Basher has dropped his guard and is swimming wildly with lefts and rights. And the Southpaw, ducking and weaving, is going for his cat. He snakes out that lightning left to the Basher's nose and the Basher doesn't like it a bit. Now he snakes out another and another and yet another and the Basher is looking worried.

Once again that piston-rod left crashes on the Basher's nose. And the Southpaw Mog follows it up with a right to the stomach. And another right to the stomach. And another left to the nose and a vicious right uppercut to the jaw.

That right uppercut certainly hurt the Basher. He's in real trouble now. He's retreating to the garden wall and he's trying to cover up. But those lefts and rights get him every time and he must be a strong boy to be still on his feet.

Yes, the Basher is a strong boy, but he's getting tired. He tries to dodge those punches by going into a clinch. But the Southpaw breaks away and clips him with a left. Then another left and a right. And another left and another right.

And the Basher's down. Yes, the Basher's down. The Southpaw is biting his stomach. The girls are howling for the kill. One, Two, Three, No, he can't get up. Four, Five...

Six... Yes, he can. He's up... The Southpaw goes in for the kill but the Basher's up and over the garden wall.

## Political Corner

THE gods also seem to be having fun with the big shots of the Labour Party. Innocents like myself who thought Clem Attlee had got rid of Nye Bevan were amazed to read that Nye Bevan may have got rid of Clem Attlee.

Discussing the political situation with the Plucky Little Woman, I made what I thought was a profound observation.

"I said: 'The desperate situation of the world today has given the masses in Britain a craving for neutrality. In Nye Bevan they see the only political leader who might possibly bring it about. If he formed a Neutrality Party he might sweep the country with the battle cry of 'A plague on both your houses,' meaning, of course, America and Russia.'"

But the P.L.W. wasn't interested in this angle. She wanted to know if Clem and Nye were on speaking terms.

"I said: 'Of course they are. Politicians who savage each other in public don't always quarrel in private.'"

She said: "When they meet don't they cut each other with noses in the air? Or push into each other as they pass in corridors?"

"I said: 'They probably have lunch together.'"

She said: "If they were washing their faces side by side in the House of Commons cloakroom wouldn't Nye grab the only piece of soap?"

"I said: 'They must have more than one piece of soap in the House of Commons cloakroom.'"

She said: "And wouldn't Clem have his revenge by using the last dry piece left of the toilet towel?"

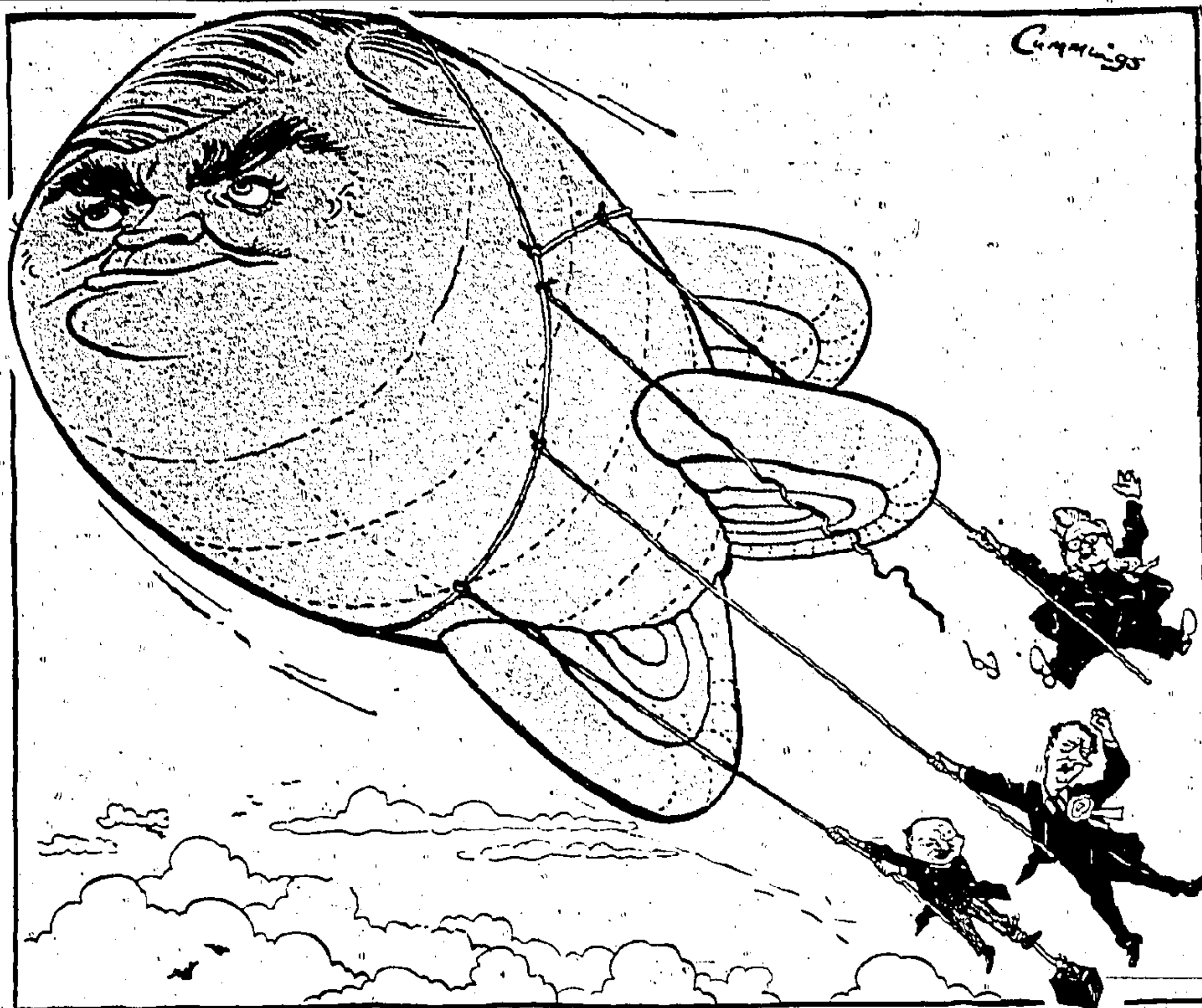
"I said: 'You probably think they would splash each other with water from the basin?'"

She said: "That was what I was hoping."

"I said: 'It looks as if gods are having a go at you, too. Men are not children.'"

She said: "Aren't they?"

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"Don't worry! We've got our usual restraining hands on the party gas-bag."

London Express Service

# DID IT HAPPEN? THE MAN WHO LOVED LIFE...

By Peter Ustinov

YOU can see him tonight on TV in his Chelsea home—the fabulous young playwright, star of stage and screen, producer, director, film writer, broadcaster, TV personality, raconteur. And he is not yet 34. During the war he served in the Royal Sussex Regiment and the EAOC and he was released to work on the film The Way Ahead, of which he was co-author and which is the subject of this story.

He was married last year for the second time, has a daughter by his first wife.

Stranger than truth? Perhaps—but the truth, too, can be strange.

Again in this series of fact-or-fiction tales by famous writers you must decide—did it REALLY happen?

to refuse, I looked at one another. I understood. I accepted.

After a lunch of sandwiches, we went to the front door, and found it open. We entered to find rooms decorated with a surprising opulence. The entrance hall was large and lofty. All the doors of the rooms were open, and gave us at a glance a clear impression of this palatial interior in which the taste was

In spite of his grin, there was a certain irritation in his voice.

He was a stout man with a head like a rugby football, bald and pink. His eyes were light blue and they sparkled with friendship and irony. A man, one would say, of intense, brilliantly cultivated charm, not French, not Italian, not Arabic, but of some elaborate nationality of his own. Every Mediterranean country from Syria to Spain must have had some distant hand in his manufacture.

His wife was less reassuring. She never seemed to look anyone in the eye but just ran nervously hither and thither dropping things as though bullied almost to distraction by the simple presence of her husband. He ignored her completely but asked us some conventional questions about the movies in a warm, caressing voice. Then he offered us a brandy. We declined.

## Smoke rings

He ignored our refusal. "Ramy Martin, Bisquit Dubouché?" he asked. Surprised, we made our choice. "Cigar?" he asked. We knew too well the raucous little weeds then available. We refused again. "Romeo y Julieta, For Larranga?" he asked. Once again, we embarrassedly made our choice.

Conversation no longer mattered. As we warmed our brandy in our balloon-glasses and blew smoke rings to the ceiling we daydreamed about life before the war, life after the war, life... life... full of good things it was in spite of the occasional discomfort!

Through the haze of pleasure I heard the voice of the Patron droning on. He was no longer asking questions. He was complaining of the rigours of existence, the dirt of North Africa, the dishonesty of its merchants. He had a nostalgia for Cannes and the French Riviera. He also liked Luxor, I remember and both Salonika and Smyrna held perfumed memories for him. "Still," he said, with a sigh, "I must not complain. I have a very good contract with Allied Forces Headquarters. They pay well and promptly. Life could be worse..."

"What do you make?" I asked, jolly puffing at my cigar.

"Coffins."

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this panel by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given—with another story in this series by...

H. E. BATES

Did yesterday's story—One Man Did Not Turn By by Deslee Robinson—actually happen? (The answer) NO.

# The Best Club In The World

By J. W. Taylor

THOSE men and women soon to be sent to Parliament by the British voters at this Election who are new to Westminster will soon understand why the House of Commons is said to be the best club in the world. This will gradually dawn upon the "new boy" as an "old boy," acting as guide, takes him into the innermost sanctum—the Smoke Room.

Here that comradeship is engendered which makes the British Parliamentary system work in the House of Commons as nowhere else in the world. It chafes even the most fiery of MPs. Party barriers are broken down. Soon the new Member is chatting amiably with men whose politics he has just been denouncing as ruinous for the country. The complete confidence may be exchanged within its walls without the slightest fear of betrayal.

There are seventeen hundred rooms in the Palace of Westminster, but the new MP cannot hope to win one of these for his personal use until he becomes a Minister. Like the rest of the rank and file members, all he can expect is a locker.

But his real problem will be where to sit. Theoretically, no MP has the right to sit in any special place in the House, but in practice Members usually sit in the same place once they have found it. Some are most inquisitive should a usurper occupy it.

## MAIDEN SPEECH

One thing is certain. The new MP must not sit on the Front Benches above the gangway nor on the Bench behind the Government. This latter is reserved for the Parliamentary Private Secretaries. Then again, it would be not tactless to sit immediately behind the Opposition Front Bench. Someone would likely accuse him of staking out a claim for office. And to take the lowest seat would, as it were, be the opposite error, for someone would say that he was a little independent of his party.

If the new Member's guide is a really seasoned Parliamentarian, his straining at the leash to deliver his maiden speech may no doubt be eased somewhat by his guide delivering the Disraeli homily: "It is better, that other Members should wonder why you do not speak rather than that they should wonder why you do."

Before the "new boy" reaches the Smoke Room, his guide will have taken him to the policeman at the entrance to the House for a formal introduction. His name and features will immediately be memorized by a custodian who takes pride in remembering a Member once having seen him and heard his name. This procedure will be repeated at certain inner doors, many of which are barred to new Members.

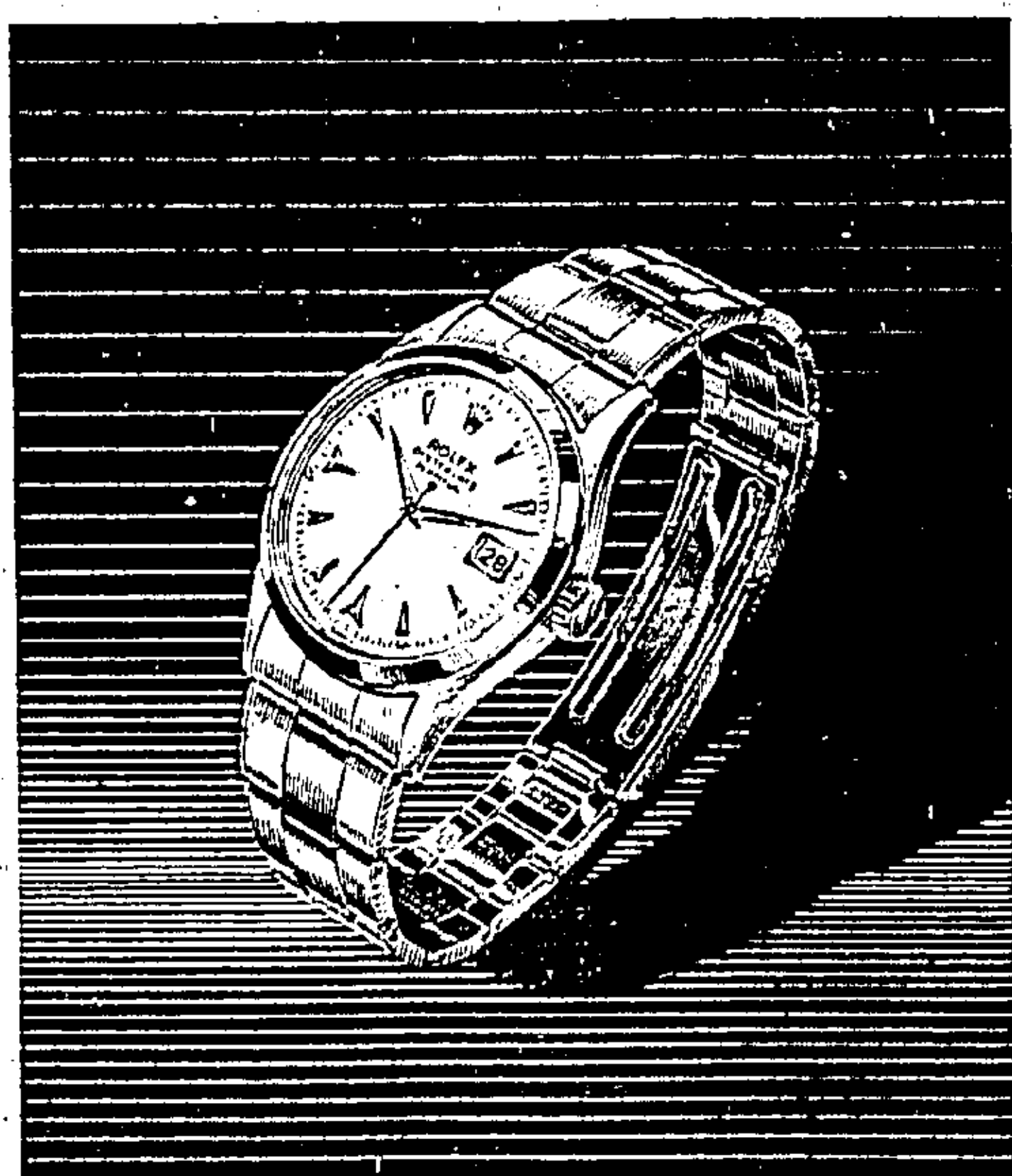
## SWEARING-IN

After the election and swearing-in of the Speaker there are several days of swearing-in of Members in the Commons Chamber, the Speaker calling upon them on the various Benches in turn—the Government Front Bench first, then the Opposition Front Bench, and so on.

After he has been sworn, the new Member will step forward to shake hands with the Speaker. For the next few days after this there is nothing he can do except to explore ways and means of more easily finding his way about the Palace.

Here the Member will be lucky if he gets to know more than a fraction of it. Indeed one veteran and distinguished Parliamentarian once avowed that he got to know more about Barry's great building as member of the Palace of Westminster Home Guard than he ever did as a Member of Parliament.

## POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



# ROLEX

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## On reserve

I had been temporarily placed on the reserve in order to work on the film "The Way Ahead." We were shooting in the street of a shabby little Tunisian seaport. The weather was overcast and sad. The local population was not particularly helpful, regarding us with the same haughty suspicion as it reserved for the military of any nation. The people responded to any invitation to co-operate by vanishing into their melancholy shells. It was hard work and totally unrewarded by any trace of that carefree Mediterranean climate which so quickly soothes the passions and neutralizes the anger. At a pinch we might have been in the industrial north at the time of Dickens.

Standing like a sentinel over this dismal scene was a large, modern house. It was spotlessly clean, and I could just see expensive curtains elegantly draped round the windows. There was a brass plate near the front door of quite unnecessary grandeur, like the plates they put up on consulates. For three days I had noticed the curtains rustling vaguely in

a ground-floor room, as though some hidden figure was watching us. Then on the morning of the fourth day, the front door opened, and a girl ran towards me.

She would have looked incongruous anywhere; here in Tunisia, she looked like a cruel caricature, for she was certainly no more than about seventeen years old, very pretty and timid, and yet dressed with all the excessive ornamentation of a Victorian in-between maid.

It was the only time I have ever heard the Tunisians laugh aloud. The girl blushed and dropped a curtsy. She was North African too, but trained in all the exaggerated decorum of Europe 1880.

I consulted Carol and we had our doubts. Drink usually meant local whisky, which might be any colour. Both almost certainly led to hospital. Still, Carol has an irrepressible taste for adventure. Having agreed

far more doubtful than the expense which had been lavished on it. Through a series of rooms, we could see some French windows which gave on to a crazy paving.

Just visible was the edge of a swimming pool. The untidied blue water was shooting pale little shivering patterns of light on to the distant wall and ceiling. Under the sulky sky we could see the silhouettes of a few gay umbrellas, wrought iron tables, deck chairs, swings, and all the paraphernalia of midsummer languor in the open air.

While we stood there in wonder, taking in the indiscriminate gilt and the vulgar finery, we heard a thick but friendly voice crying, "Entrez, messieurs, entrez." We went towards the garden, and found that the room with the french windows was the dining-room. "Le Patron" himself was sitting at the end of a long refectory table, a napkin tucked into his collar, finishing lunch. He did not rise, but just smiled.

His wife rose instead of him, and pushed forward some heavy chairs for us. When we made a gesture to help her Le Patron begged us to let her do it alone.



She was no more than about 17, very pretty and timid, and yet dressed with all the excessive ornamentation of a Victorian in-between maid.







# AMERICANS DETERMINED TO LEAVE THEIR SOVIET RIVALS FAR BEHIND

By "RECORDER"

Very few reports ever come out via the news agencies on what is going on in American athletics while much is written by uninformed sportswriters short of a subject on the coming Russian challenge in the Melbourne Olympic Games.

We hear of Wes Santee's every failure to break the four-minute mile barrier via the news agencies. They have even informed us of Jim Golliday's equalling Mel Patton's world record of 9.3 seconds in the 100 Yards Dash.

But short of Santee's failures and world records, which are getting so much more difficult to improve upon with every year, we hear nothing else. Even the overcast edition of the New York Times does not bother to publish summaries of even the most important inter-collegiate athletic meetings in the United States.

The only source of information available for the latest news on American track and field athletics is the Nelson brothers' Track and Field News, published at the Polo Alto, California. The latest issue, which reached Hongkong over the week-end, contains all the results of meetings up to and including the famous Penn and Drake Relays—the half way stage in the American track and field season.

Things have certainly been humming in the American athletic world and the Western Conference, the big colleges of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin, and the East had not by the end of April gone into anything like a lull.

Yet, by the end of April five American athletes were over 56 feet in the Shot Put, five over 170 feet in the Discus Throw, five over 230 feet in the Javelin Throw, six over 14 feet 6 inches in the Pole Vault.

The track men do not start going too fast until mid-May, but there were by April 30 already many good early season marks.

In the 100 Yards, Larry McBride of Houston was down to 9.4 and Andy Stanfield down to 9.5. We now hear that Jim Golliday has brought the season's best down to 9.3. Seven other sprinters were down to 9.6 by the end of April.

Leader in the 200 Yards straightaway by the end of April was Dick Blair of Kansas with 20.8 seconds (worth 21.1 for the 200 Metres around a turn), though, of course, Rod Richards did 20.7 seconds at the Penn American Games for the full turn 200 Metres in March.

## 9.9 FOR 100 METRES

Richard, by the way, is the first man to have beaten events for the 100 Metres. This he accomplished in March in Jamaica with a 9.9 seconds clocking, beating Lloyd La-Beach's unrecognized 10.1

seconds at Guayaquil, Ecuador, in 1950.

But as Richard ran with a strong following wind and on a downhill slope, the mark will, of course, not even be applied for as a world record.

Three more American sprinters were down to 20.9 seconds for the straightaway 220 Yards by mid-season. The three were Dick Dorsey of Santa Monica College, Gabe Markinson of Princeton, and Jesse Marshall of Oklahoma A & M. Ten American athletes had beaten 20.9 seconds by that stage with a following wind.

Early 440 Yards marks were not impressive. Jim Lea was leading with 47.0 seconds while Lou Jones was second at 47.4. In March, Jones set a world record of 45.4 seconds for 400 Metres at Mexico City and Lea also broke George Rhoden's old world mark with 46.6 seconds.

The season's best performance at 880 Yards so far is Len Santee's 1 minute 47.5 seconds, which happens to be a new world record. Up to April 30, Spurrier's challengers have been on the slow side. Billy Heard of Oklahoma A & M at 1:50.5 and Dick Forster of Texas at 1:50.8 are the nearest.

In the Mile, there was no one within 10 seconds of Wes Santee's 4:00.5. Bob Seaman of the University of California at Los Angeles, who last year clocked 4:09.9 for the Half, has switched to this distance and came down to 4:10.7 on April 9.

## NO GUARANTEE

American distance times are still not worth talking about, but there is no guarantee that there will not be several Englishmen, Australians, New Zealanders and assorted Europeans ahead of Kuts at Melbourne.

As Anatolyev was burned out in 1953, so Kuts may have been burned out in 1954. Zatopek can train on Zatopek's methods, but it does not follow that everybody else can. Zatopek is a runner, whose methods are rather peculiar to himself. The Russians may have made a major mistake in borrowing anything from him.

It is not a great year in American hurdling. Jack Davis clocked 13.8 for the 110 Metres Hurdles at Cali, Colombia, on March 27, but there were no other sub-14 hurdlers by the

end of April. The nearest with 14.1 was Joe Shankle of Duke University, while five others were on 14.3.

In the 400 Metres Hurdles, Josh Culbreath, winner in 51.3 seconds at Mexico City, is America's main hope. It is generally only in Olympic year that Americans begin to take a real interest in this event. The Russians, who have developed their low hurdling technique nicely, may win at Melbourne, more probably through Anatoly Yulin than through world record-holder Yuriy Litavov, but there are also Australian Dave Lean, Colombia's ever-improving though ageing Jaime Aparicio, and Britain's Harry Kane and Bob Shaw to consider.

In the High Jump, Ernie Shelton cleared 6 feet 10 inches on April 16. Floyd Smith, Bob Barndale and Floyd Jeter had all cleared 6 feet 8 inches by the end of April and five other Americans had cleared 6 feet 7 inches. Among them was Charles Dumas, of Centennial High School, Compton, California, who set a new high school record at 6 feet 7 1/2 inches.

## 14.2 AT 16

In the Pole Vault, Bobby Smith of the Los Angeles Athletic Club had the season's best mark of 14 feet 11 inches at April's end, followed by veterans Bob Richards (14:10), Don Laz (14:8), and Jerry Welbourn (14:8). Following them was Villanova's sophomore Don Bragg with 14:7, three other men between 14:6 and 14:4 and then schoolboy Jim Fowler of North Phoenix (Arizona) High School with a high school record of 14 feet 2 inches.

Brewer is only 16. At the same age Cornelius Warmendamm's best was 10 feet 11 inches. Warmendamm, the current world record-holder at 15 feet 7 1/2 inches, did not clear 14 feet until he was 21.

In the Long Jump, Rosslyn Range and John Bennett both cleared 26 feet at the Pan-American Games. The only other 25-footer by April's end was James Gamble of Prairie View Teachers College who cleared 25 feet 3 inches on April 2.

In the Hop, Step and Jump, a popular event with American athletes only in Olympic year, there has been some activity this season. James Gamble has the best mark with 49 feet 11 inches. Erwin Cook has cleared 49:1 1/2 and Kent Floerke 49:4 1/2.

In the Shot Put it is America's greatest year ever. World record-holder Parry O'Brien had done 58 feet 6 inches by April 30 and Tom Jones of Miami University of Ohio was not far behind with 57:8 1/4. Behind them were Bill Nieder of Kansas with 56:9 1/2, Tom Meyer of Occidental College of California with 56:4 1/4 and Ray Martin of the University of Southern California with 56:0 1/4.

In the Discus Throw, Fortune Gordien was on top with 180:11, followed by Sam Innes with 179:7, Parry O'Brien with 175:1, Carl Vereen of Woodson Tech with 172:11 and Goodwin Linn of Santa Clara with 171 feet 3 inches. Five other throwers were over 160 feet.

In the Javelin Throw, Franklin Held of the Olympic Club of San Francisco led with 257 feet 6 inches, followed by two teammates, Cyrus Vance and Leo Long with 249:8 and 242:8 respectively.

## NOT ENOUGH

The Russians at Melbourne may be stronger than the Americans in the distance runs, the low hurdles, Hop, Step and Jump and Hammer Throw, but that will not be enough to win the athletics section of the Games.

Where the Russians should score heavily at Melbourne is in such sports as wrestling, weightlifting and gymnastics. But the showpiece of the Olympic Games is track and field athletics and there one should see the normal American parade to the victory stand with an odd Russian having difficulty to get among the medals against such athletically advancing countries as Australia and Brazil.

Looking further ahead than 1956, two counties are looming menacingly on the international athletic horizon: Look sooner to Venezuela and Colombia for the world record-holders of the future than to Russia or even the European continent as a whole. Such stars of the South American continent as Argentine's Florencia de Silva, Jose Trillo, de Concepcion, Argentina's de Sa, Jaime Aparicio and Arnoldo Devonish are only a beginning. They are the first flowers. More and better ones are to come.

## HUTTON COMES HOME



Pictured at Tilbury are Len Hutton, skipper of the successful English Test team, on his return from Australia, with Mrs Hutton (front), and Godfrey Evans, wicket-keeper, and his wife.—Central Press Photo.

## A Number Of Potential "Cracks" Have Made Their Marks In Novices Meet

By "NTACA"

"The Captains and the Kings depart," and the Novice comes into his own. The end of the Racing season sees the expert hanging up his wheels and allowing his mid-section to accumulate a little bit of fat, but brings the tyro into the battle.

The NTACA Novices Summer Competition has got off to a good start, two events having been held, a Massed Start Race and a Time Trial, both at Sixteen Miles. Although the fields have not been big, they have been good, and a number of potential "cracks" have made their marks.

Event Number One, the Massed Start race, was won by Lunn, of the REME CC from Lunn, (7 Hussars) and Smith (REME CC), whom he dropped in a well-judged burst over the last half-mile. Smith out-sprinted Jones to the line by two lengths. The Time Trial saw Handicap allowances introduced and resulted in a win for Baldock, of the Pegasus CC. Times were good, the first five riders being all within two minutes. Timekeeper Clegg rode well, to take second place in this event, deriving much satisfaction therefrom.

The next event in the series is a 25 Miles Time Trial, to be held this afternoon at 4 p.m. Another Novice Competition, that sponsored by the RAF Kai Tak, was due to commence last Sunday, but has been postponed until Sunday next, the 10 Miles Time Trial starting at 10.30 a.m. All the R.A.F. events will be held on Sundays, those of the NTACA on Wednesdays, so there is no excuse for a rider being unable to get in enough racing in preparation for next season. To ALL Novices, "Let's be having you."

The upshot of all this travelling and racing has been what we all looked forward to, an invitation to a British Team for the Tour de France, the "Greatest Race in the World". Roll on June, and let us all pray for good coverage by the Press and Radio.

On the black side, there is the news from home that the NCU has given up the idea of running the Tour of Britain. Having gone to great lengths, and promised everything but the moon in order to get this event away from the B.R.C., the NCU action is a deplorable one, and leads one to ask whether the leaders of that party are fit persons to hold the destiny of the Game in their weak hands.

## UNCERTAIN APPROACH

Their vacillating, uncertain approach to the problems of unified control and International recognition have gone a long way towards destroying the

confidence reposed in them by the riders they represent. It is about time that the persons most affected by the continual arguments, the men who ride the bikes, rallied themselves and deposited those in authority who appear unfit to bear the burden.

While the British League of Racing Cyclists is itself not wholly absolved from blame, it would appear that there has been the better attempt, the more genuine effort to bring matters to a head and reach a decision.

Unless something is done, and quickly, next season will see a state of confusion on British roads, Time Trials and Massed Start Races being run by two organisations simultaneously, with the poor racing man, his head in a whirl, wondering what has happened to his sport. Surely the Racing man himself can do something to ease the situation. After all, he elects the men who run his sport. He can as easily kick them out.

## AMERICAN A FIRM FAVOURITE

## British Women's Golf Championship

Portrush, Northern Ireland, May 17.

Miss Barbara Romack, 22-year-old American Women's National Golf Champion, was firm favourite for the British Women's title when she reached the last eight on the Royal Portrush links here today.

In the third round today the Irish Champion defeated the Irish Champion and Curtis Cup International, Miss Philomena Garvey, by the surprisingly easy margin of six and five. Miss Garvey had eliminated the holder, Mrs Smith of Royal Birkdale, England, in the first round yesterday.

Miss Romack, winner of the Canadian title in 1953 and the American title last year, has saved for three years to compete

## BRIDGETOWN TEST

## WEST INDIES 187 FOR 6 IN REPLY TO AUSTRALIA'S FIRST INNINGS OF 668

Bridgetown, Barbados, May 17.

The West Indies had scored 187 runs for the loss of six wickets in reply to Australia's first innings total of 668 at the close of play on the third day of the fourth Test here today.

Australia continued their first innings here this morning on the third day of the fourth Test against the West Indies. At lunch, they brought their overnight score of 569 for eight to 664 with the loss of one more wicket.

Lindwall (80) and Langley (2), the overnight batsmen, resumed this morning in placid and ideal cricket weather in the fashion of openers—serious, sober and sound.

Valentine, who started from the southern end, bowled two consecutive maidens to Langley. Dewdney from the pavilion end also sent down a maiden to Lindwall, who got three off the edge of the bat from Dewdney's next over.

LINDWALL'S FIRST  
Lindwall snicked Valentine for a couple and drove him to cover where Holt-fielded smartly. Lindwall moved into the nineties and his first Caribbean century seemed only a matter of time. He duly reached it by cover-driving Valentine for four.

He now proceeded to set Kensington Oval ablaze by hitting Atkinson for a soaring six, wide of long-on, to put up 800 in 30 minutes. His next scoring stroke was a four hooked off Atkinson.

Lindwall lost his wicket when he jumped out and skied a ball off Atkinson. Valentine at extra cover held a comfortable catch to make the Aussies 623 for 9. Lindwall bottled 159 minutes. He hit 14 fours and two sixes.

Having decided that he would bat once only and break the wicket up as much as possible, Johnson did not declare after the fall of Lindwall's wicket for 118.

Lindwall and Langley this morning added 54 in 45 minutes. Holt came next and saw Langley rush from 18 to 46.

Langley too seemed as if he would also burlesque the situation by getting a century if he had anyone to stay with him.

The new ball was taken at 634 and Dewdney failed to make the best use of it. Even the new ball failed to check the flow of runs and the tail-enders added insult to injury by scoring as they liked.

With lunch 11 minutes away and the score still mounting the crowd chanted "bow! the umpires".

## Leading Women Swim Stars To Try Channel

Folkestone, England, May 17.

The world's three leading women swimmers are expected to take part this year in an International race from Cap Gris Nez, France to England.

Florence Chadwick (United States), Marilyn Bell (Canada), and Brenda Fisher (Britain) will compete over the rough 21 miles against swimmers from all over the world.—Reuter.

Langley arrived at his treble-half-century in the lunch over by sweeping Ramadhin for four. He had batted 98 minutes.

At lunch the score was 664 for nine. Langley 53 not out, Hill 4 not out.—France-Press and Reuter.

## DAVIS CUP

## ITALY BEATS GERMANY 5-0

Munich, May 17.

Italy completed a 5-0 victory over Germany when their second round European Zone Davis Cup Lawn Tennis tie ended here today.

In the concluding Singles Fausto Gardini beat Rupert Hobbs 6-0, 6-3, 6-3 and Giuseppe Merlo defeated Christoph Biederlack 6-1, 8-6, 6-1. Italy will meet Denmark in the zone quarter finals.—Reuter.

## Sports Diary TODAY

Tennis: "A" Div: HKCC v Urban C. CRC v SCAC. "B" Div: LRC(1) v HKU; HKU v LRC(2); KCC v AGVS; CCC v SCAC.

Soccer: Champions v Rest at Club.

Red Duster Match, Missions to Seamen.

Table Tennis: Japanese Stars v Hongkong at Queen Elizabeth II Stadium, Kowloon, 8 p.m.

## TOMORROW

Tennis: Men's "B" Div: KCC v CRC; HKU v SCAC; LRC v CCC(1); CCC(2) v R.A.F. Ladies "A" Div: LRC v HKU; HKU v LRC(1) v USC(2).

Soccer: HKCFSA Summer Soccer League: Singapore v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 8 p.m.)

## Boston Red Sox Whip Cleveland Indians 10-3

New York, May 17.

The Boston Red Sox combined power hitting with excellent relief pitching by Ellis Kinder today to shatter Cleveland's long-standing Fenway Park, whipping the Indians 10-3. It was Boston's first home victory over Cleveland since the end of the 1953 season.

Cleveland, 20-2 against Boston last season, had swept all 11 games here last year and the last two of 1953. Today, the Red Sox dissolved starting pitcher Early Wynn and four successors for nine hits. They included two doubles, a triple and a three-run homer by Jackie Jensen, followed by Eddie Joost's second home run of the season.

Southpaw Bill Henry won his first victory of the year but it took Kinder's clutch pitching to do it.

With two men on in the seventh inning and nobody out, Kinder came on to pitch to Dale Mitchell, pinch-hitting for Hank Foyles who had been announced as a pinch-batter for Ray Narles.

Mitchell hit into a double play and Al Smith grounded out to end the rally.

KINDER BEARS DOWN  
The first two Indians hit safely to start the ninth but the 40-year-old Kinder bore down to get the next three men. Henry had given six hits and struck out three before he was lifted.

The Indians were leading 301 going into the Boston half of the fifth when Jensen unloaded his eighth home run over the left field wall and Joost followed with his.

That was all for Wynn, who was charged with his first loss of the year after three successive victories. He has beaten the Red Sox 28 times in his long career.

The Red Sox sent 10 men to bat in a weird seventh inning. Cold weather postponed the game between the Cubs and Phillies. Six night games were scheduled in the American League—Chicago was at New York, Kansas City at Washington, and Detroit at Baltimore, while in the National League Brooklyn was at St. Louis, New York at Milwaukee and Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.—United Press.

## Germany's Schur Wins Prague-Berlin-Warsaw Cycle Race Rally

Warsaw, May 17.

Schur of Germany won the Prague-Berlin-Warsaw cycle rally today. The 13th and final lap today was won by Verhelst of Belgium.

Joseph Verhelst covered the 125 Kilometres (77 miles) of the finals from Lodz to Warsaw in 3 hours, 11 minutes and 29 seconds, at an average speed of 40 Kilometres (25 miles) an hour.

Other classifications for this lap were:

1. Franz Van Looveren (Belgium), 3 hrs, 11 mins, 30 secs.  
3. Jan Kubr (Czechoslovakia), 3 hrs, 11 mins, 45 secs.

4. Pierre Gouget (France), 3 hrs, 14 mins, 10 secs.  
5. Christian Pedersen, (Denmark), 3 hrs, 14 mins 21 secs.

6. Zdenek Kluch (Czechoslovakia), 3 hrs, 14 mins, 29 secs.  
7. Fritz Raven (Denmark) the same time.

8. Wedell Ostergaard (Denmark) same time.  
9. Stanislas Krolak (Poland) same time.

10. Slothar Meister (Germany) same time.

## UNDERWATER CLUB

The officials of the Hongkong Underwater Club for the 1955/56 season have been elected as follows:

Chairman, Mr G.C. Beaver; Vice-Chairman, Mr M.B. Wheeler; Hon. Secretary, Mr J.A. Fortune; Hon. Treasurer, Mr M.A. Salter; Committee, Mr R.V. Isler, Capt. C.E.H. Ambler and Capt. J. Wells.

Anyone interested in joining the club may get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, Mr J.A. Fortune, No. 7, New Eastern Terrace, 2nd floor.

Individual classifications for the "Peace Rally" were:

1. Gustav Schur (Germany), 58 hrs, 51 mins, 20 secs, an average speed of 37 Kilometres an hour for the 2101 Kilometres over 13 laps during 18 days, including three rest-days.

2. Jan Vesely (Czechoslovakia), 58 hrs, 50 mins, 48 secs.  
3. Karl Magnus Amell (Sweden) tied with Stan Britain (Britain), each with 59 hrs, 2 mins, 34 secs.

5. Stanislas Krolak (Poland), 59 hrs, 3 mins, 10 secs.  
6. Joseph Verhelst (Belgium), 59 hrs, 3 mins, 24 secs.

7. Vladimir Verytina (Soviet Russia), 59 hrs, 8 mins, 43 secs.  
8. Franz Overen (Belgium), 59 hrs, 10 mins, 19 secs.

9. John Pound (Britain), 59 hrs, 13 mins, 38 secs.  
10. Christian Pedersen (Denmark), 59 hrs, 15 mins, 53 secs.—France-Press.

Singh and Dhana took the last two places, being 78th and 80th respectively in the individual general classification.

Czechoslovakia won the team classification with 175 hours, 43 minutes and 17 seconds; Germany was second and Bulgaria was third.

India and Egypt failed to qualify in the team classification owing to lack of competitors at the end of the race.—France-Press.

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# SIMPSON MAY TAKE COCKELL ON A TOUR OF CANADA AND AMERICA

By SCOTT BAILLIE

San Rafael, California, May 17.

Manager John Simpson, still seething over the "tactics" used by World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano in last night's title fight against Britain's Don Cockell, said today he may take his boxer on a Canadian tour this Summer.

"We are going home to England where I will consider the possibility of taking Don on a tour through Canada later this year," Simpson declared. "I believe he would draw quite well."

Simpson said he might even take the beaten challenger on a tour of the States during the same junket.

Simpson said he was still incensed at referee Frankie Brown and the State Athletic Commission as the aftermath of last night's bout which saw Marciano stop Cockell in 0:54 of the ninth round.

"Brown let Marciano get away with just about every foul in the book—brooding California rules as well as the British ones," Simpson said.

"It was a case of head, wrists and elbows all night against my boy," Simpson went on.

Informed that he could take his case before the State Athletic Commission, Simpson only laughed.

"Go up against that mob again?" he asked. "What good would that do us? How far did we get when we discussed fouls with them before the fight? No, we'll just go about our own business here then head for home."

Simpson, waving a copy of a San Francisco newspaper, showed a group of pictures in which Marciano was photographed hitting Cockell with a right to the head after the challenger had gone down for the first of two trips to the canvas.

"CAUGHT IN THE ACT"

Simpson said. "In Great Britain he would have been tossed out of the ring for that because it would have been the latest in a series of fouls. 'Earlier in the fight we would not have thrown him out, just given him ample warning. But after ninth round exhibition, out he would go and Cockell would be the winner.'"

Simpson said that Cockell's biggest ambition was to get another crack at Marciano in a British prize ring.

"And Don would have a great chance of winning the bout in a land where the rules are enforced," Simpson said.

Cockell suffered a gash on his forehead during the fourth round which Simpson said was caused by Rocky's head while referee Brown said it came from a hard left hook.

"Brown claims a vertical cut like that was caused by a hook?" Simpson asked, incredulously. "He's a clever bloke, isn't he?"

Teddy Waltham, Secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, said that Marciano's butting tactics should be stopped "before he seriously injures somebody."

"Marciano could detach a retina in somebody's eye or cause some similar damage," Waltham said.

"And he would not have got away with any of that with a firm referee in England."

## WARNINGS

Waltham repeated Simpson's earlier statement that "The Rock" would have drawn a couple of warnings then lost the fight on a foul in Great Britain. Waltham also blasted referee Brown.

"What gets me is that he did not caution Marciano once then had the audacity to call it a clean fight afterwards," Waltham said. "I think we ought to stick to the rules or throw the book out the window and start all over again."

## Promoter Solomons Wants Return Match With Marciano In London

San Francisco, May 17.

Mr Al Weil, manager of World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano said today that if terms were right he would "give favourable thought" to the proposition of a return match in London with the British Champion, Don Cockell.

Mr Weil said that British promoter Jack Solomons within a few hours after Marciano's ninth round victory over Cockell last night made overtures for another fight with Cockell in September.

England would be a "perfect spot" for such a match, Mr Weil said.

He added that he would insist on an American referee but under questioning at a Press conference in Marciano's hotel suite he said he would consider a referee from a neutral country.

Then as everyone laughed Mr Weil said: "There are a lot of referees in Italy. I am sure Marciano would accept any of them."

was still in the purely tentative stage.

Marciano was asked if he could fight Carl (Bobo) Olson, the "Middleweight" Champion, who is now seeking the Light Heavyweight crown.

"I'll fight anyone in the world," Marciano said.

Marciano said that he was slow in assembling his strategy last night. He said it was not until the sixth round that he began to think the way he wished.—Reuter.

## Japanese Table Tennis Team To Play Hongkong Tonight

Ten members of the Japanese Table Tennis team, including two officials and three women players, flew in from Bangkok by SAS yesterday en route to Tokyo. Led by Mr Daijoku-Daimon, the team had been on a tour of European countries.

The Japanese 1955 World Table Tennis champion, Toshiki Tanaka, said they played exhibition matches in most countries they visited. In team competition they beat the English team in Leeds, 6-3 and won another game in London 8-2.

He considered teams from Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Belgium, the best among the European nations.

In the course of their three days stay here, the Japanese team will play exhibition games against the cream of the local table tennis players. The games will be played in the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre in Kowloon, today at 8 p.m.

A tea reception was held at the Miramar Hotel yesterday.

## MRS COCKELL BLAMES THE 16½-FOOT RING

San Francisco, May 17.

Mrs Irene Cockell, wife of the British Heavyweight Champion, Don Cockell, saw reporters today at the San Rafael Hotel near the fight and said that last night's fight with Rocky Marciano "was a disgusting spectacle which would not have been allowed in England."

Mrs Cockell added: "If they had fought in London things would have been a great deal different... over in our country the foreigner always gets what he deserves. I've seen thousands of bouts and never one in which one man got as bad a deal as did Don last night."

She said the small ring at Kzar Stadium handicapped her husband. "If they had been fighting in a 20-foot ring things would have been a lot different. Don would have outboxed him completely and would have spurned it in a ring where he had enough room to move. The ring used last night was 16½-foot square.—Reuter.

"There must be some way of dealing with Marciano," Cockell said.

Cockell said his wife did not seem to be overly upset about his defeat.

"In fact," the Britisher grinned, "she asked me for some money today and went shopping." United Press.

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## THE POOR MAN'S ASCOT IS FUN

Says J. W. TAYLOR

Now is the time when landowners, farmers and gentry all over rural Britain bring out their horses—and a little cash—for that important local event that affords to them their annual brief hour of often muddy but undoubted glory—the point-to-point race meeting. For one day a field becomes a racecourse. The bookies from the city bring their big satchels and stand and shout the odds, and all you or anybody needs to beat them is a good hunter and the entry money.

This most carefree and democratic form of racing in the land—a combination of county hunt rivalry and farmers' festivity comprising a poor man's Ascot—is usually conducted by the various local hunts in the area, and quite above-board, too.

The races are run under National Hunt Rules for point-to-point, steeplechases and are open to all horses that have been "regularly and fairly hunted." Certification of this fact is obtained from the Master of Hounds. Five to 25 runners will take part in each of the races, who are out for the glory of the sport and ride with incredible daring.

There was a time when a point-to-point could be won by almost anything on four legs which would not today match up to Weatherby's standard of fitness. Nowadays, however, the quality of horse is much higher and the competition keener.

## LEAGUE TENNIS

League Tennis results yesterday were:

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EVEN THE LADIES

The less ambitious may enter and ride their own animals. Almost anyone with a qualifying horse and the entry money, plus the nerve to charge over three miles of open country strewn with barch fences, may have a go—even the ladies.

Often their own special women's race is the highlight of the afternoon's programme, and the way they urge their horses at the last fence is really worth seeing. Many of the women competitors train and nurse their horses to peak condition for these races all the year round, as the parade for the Ladies' Race will always show. You never see better turned-out horses.

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# BABY A-BOMB CHANGING NATO PLANS IN NORWAY

Paris, May 17.

The availability of the baby atom bomb is rapidly revising the defence plans of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation for its extreme northern flank in Norway, one of the two member nations which have a common border with Russia. Planners at Supreme Headquarters of the North Atlantic Powers in Europe, engaged with the "new look" in military strategy and tactics for the whole of the Western Front, are acutely aware of two recent and important events which are bringing about the changes in the north.

One is the availability of the tactical atom bomb on a "call and deliver" basis from the 49th Air Division in England, equipped with Republic F-84F Thunderstreaks, charged with carrying "the weapon."

#### DESTRUCTIVE PUNCH

Brigadier-General John D. Stevenson, Commanding General of the 49th Air Division, recently described these new aircraft as delivering "more destructive punch on a single target than all the operational aircraft based in Britain in World War II."

In March, three Thunderstreaks set up a new world speed record, averaging 650 miles per hour for 2,445 miles from Los Angeles to New York.

The second is the assignment, to head the air side at the Organisation's northern headquarters in Oslo, of Major-General Homer L. Saunders.

General Saunders is not only an expert in aerial fighter tactics and doctrine. He was the first man to realise the potency of the baby bomb as a tactical air weapon, the first to fight for its possession by the United States Air Force, and he was instrumental in organising what is now the 49th Air Division to carry it.

Several months ago, he was assigned as commander of the Headquarters Allied Air Forces Northern Europe in Oslo, and since his arrival the role of the fighter-bomber is increasing in importance in the general plans for the defence of Norway.

The concentration, it is understood, is on the best possible use of the baby bomb carried by the Thunderstreaks. Commanders, given an allotment of the weapons, must plan their proper use to obtain the maximum effect. Questions being answered by large scale SHARP exercises such as Blue Tricket, Skyblazer and others, planned by Supreme Headquarters in Europe, are whether this tremendous force is best loosed on a beachhead which threatens to spread and overrun the countryside, or on the behind-the-lines point which supplies it.

Norway has never permitted foreign troops to be based on her soil. In fact, she has assured Soviet Russia that she will not do so unless her security is threatened. This assurance was given when Soviet Russia protested against Norway joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation—and there is no indication that the Norwegian Government intends to change this attitude.

#### EFFECTIVE FORCE

Norway herself, however, developed what is probably the most effective small air force, man for man, aircraft for aircraft, in Europe. Her eight squadrons are fighter-bombers and reconnaissance planes, largely F-84 Thunderjets. They are scattered on a permanent or rotational basis over some ten operational fields from Bardufoss 300 miles inside the Arctic Circle, to Rygge, in the South.

Her senior officers were all combat trained with the Royal Air Force, the Royal Canadian Air Force, or the United States Air Force during the last war. They are experienced and capable. The younger fliers are United States or Canadian trained, sharp and eager. The Royal Norwegian Air Force is set up on American lines and all forms, procedures and operations are carried out via the English language.

Norwegian bases are being equipped, as far as is possible, to permit staging for other units which might be employed on any type of mission. This would permit other units to land on these fields for fuel or maintenance, either going to or coming from any mission in the northern direction.

One of the changes this "new look" has brought about is the increased probability of holding Norway, particularly North Norway, in the event of a sudden attack in the far north.

Norway has its own peculiar shape. It stretches from latitude 58 in the south to approximately latitude 72 in the north, a dis-

tance of some 1,200 air miles. To the north are the Arctic Ocean and the Russian border, with the Soviet ports of Petsamo and Murmansk just round the corner.

Norway's coastline, if straightened out, would reach more than 10,000 miles. There is one road from Oslo to Kirkenes on the Soviet Russian border, and it is cut by five fjords which must be ferried. Several months of the year the northern end is closed by snow.

In most of Europe, it is axiomatic that a jet pilot at 40,000 feet can glide to any one of a score of air strips. In Norway, he is lucky to find one, because hundreds of miles separate some of them.

All of these things, together with a preponderance of mountains, lakes and fjords, few communication lines and fewer transport lines, and the fact that only three and a half per cent of the country is under cultivation and that there are only three and a half million people to defend it, add up to a considerable defence problem.

And this is the problem which the military planners, both at Supreme Headquarters and in Norway, hope and believe can be to some extent solved by the potential of the tactical atomic bomb carried by 600-mile fighter planes.—China Mail Special.



Caravan For  
Royal Children

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office. G.P.O. parcel service previously advertised as closing on Tuesday at 6 p.m. will not now commence until following week Tuesday, May 24.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

By Air  
Formosa, 6 p.m.  
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
Indo-China, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Macao, 2 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 19

By Air  
Philippines, 2 p.m.  
Canton, Hong Kong, 2 p.m.  
China, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Macao, 9 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m.  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
Japan, 2 p.m.

TRH Prince Charles and Princess Anne have become the proud possessors of a fully equipped miniature caravan, the gift of the Caravan Club of Great Britain, of which HRH The Duke of Edinburgh is Patron. The caravan is big enough for the children to travel in or to live in whilst on holiday, being nearly 7ft. long, 6ft. high and just over 4ft. wide, and a special bracket has been fitted to one of the Duke's cars to tow it.

The exterior of the caravan is in a two-colour scheme of dark and light stone; walls and ceiling inside are white. It is fully lighted by electricity and a pump supplied water to the taps. There is a gas stove with miniature frying pan and kettle and the sink is of stainless steel with cupboards. Furniture and woodwork are of natural oak and the fittings include a miniature writing desk, wardrobe, bookshelf and bureau china cabinet. Beneath the twin beds are lockers and there is a detachable table between them for meals.

—Express Photo.

## DONATION TO CHINESE MOSLEMS

London, May 17.  
The Egyptian Minister for Religious Foundations, Sheikh Ahmed Hassan el Bakhoury, has presented £1,000 in the name of his Ministry "for needy Chinese Moslem believers" and a similar sum "for other needy persons," the New China News Agency reported today.

The Agency said he made the donation to the Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, yesterday. Mr. Chou thanked him saying he would turn over the money to the China Islamic Association and the People's Relief Association of China.

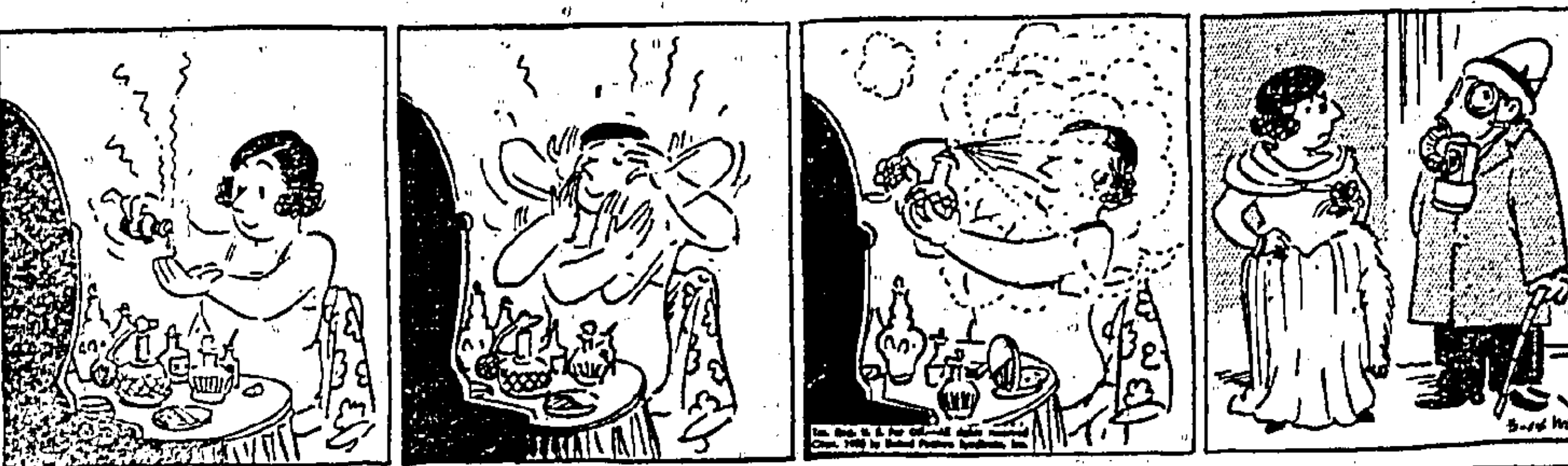
Sheikh Bakhoury was invited to tour China by Mr. Chou at the Bandung conference and arrived in Peking on Sunday.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

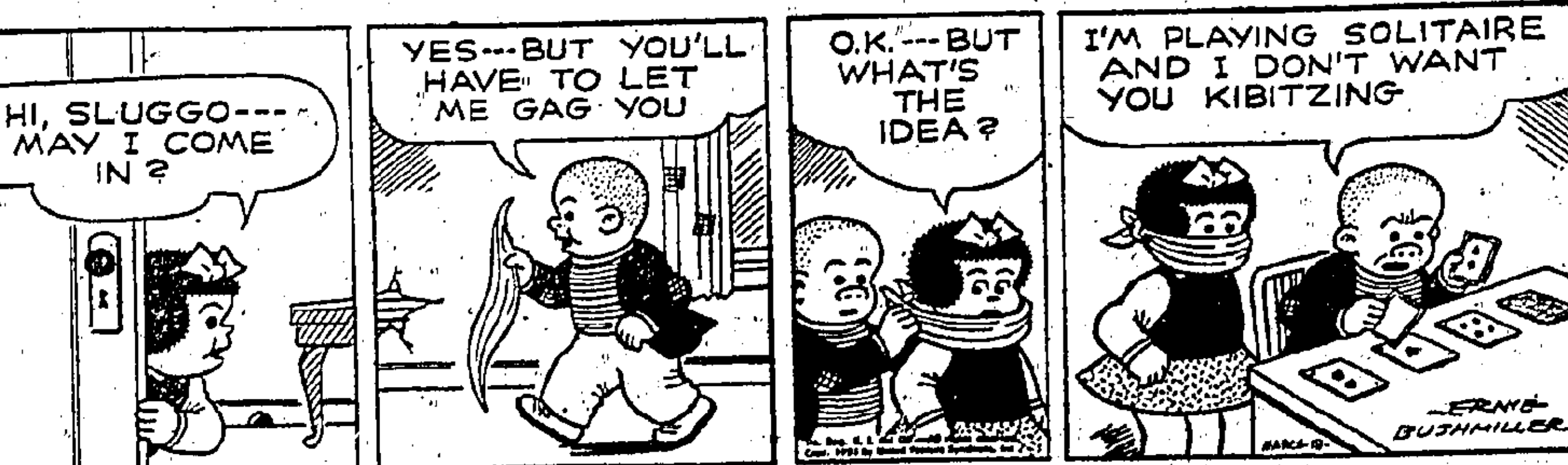
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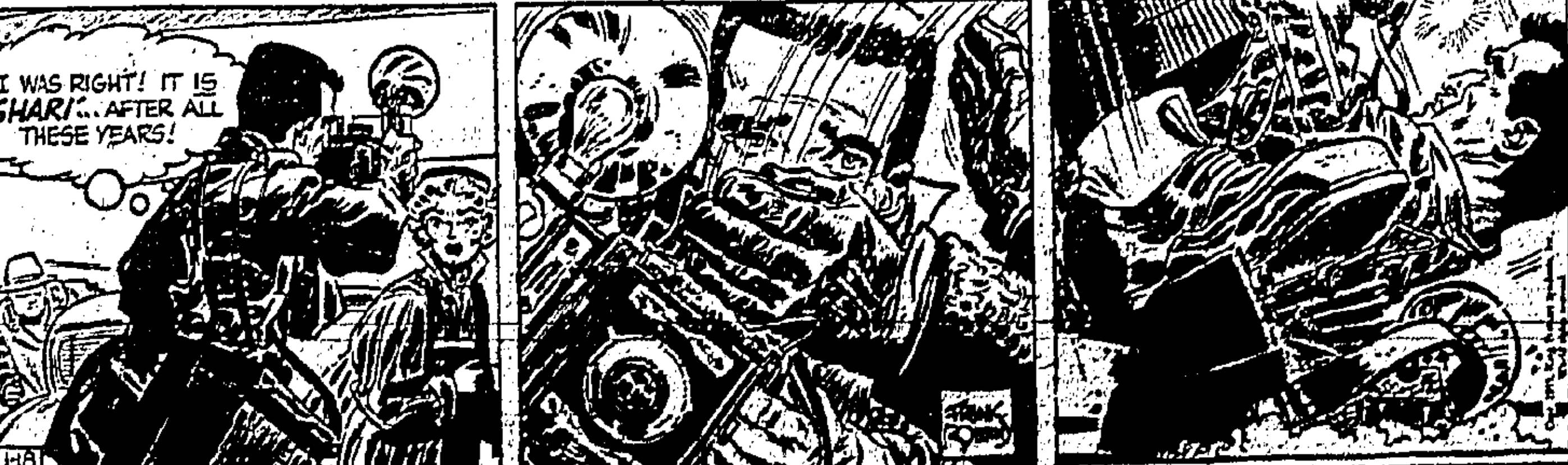
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## Private Could Write His Name To £30,000

Brisbane, May 17.

Rookie John Walton, bashing the squat at Queensland's Wacol military camp with a platoon of other young national servicemen, could sign a cheque for £30,000 if he wanted to.

Military training has interrupted his successful prospecting career when, as a member of the eight-man Walton-McConachy syndicate, he helped to discover the fabulous Mary Kathleen uranium lode near Mount Isa, Queensland.

Now the big British Rio Tinto mining group is interested in the field, these eight Australians might become mining magnates. The syndicate sold the lease for an initial £250,000 and retained a 10 per cent interest in its future development.

#### SUCCESS STORY

The Mary Kathleen success is the story of two enterprising Queensland families who pooled their resources, tried their luck—and found a hill of good-quality uranium ore.

Clem Walton, his three sons John, Henry and Mick, Norman McConachy and three members of his family had jobs in Mt Isa, a mining town, 1,200 miles northwest of Brisbane. At the week-ends, they used to take to the hills in battered jeeps and take their geiger counters among the dry rock outcrops.

They decided to pool their resources and form a combine syndicate—which gave them three geiger counters and a chance to co-ordinate their prospecting.

On a Saturday afternoon in July, last year, Norman McConachy and John Walton were testing a tip that there might be some uranium in the hills south of the main road linking Mount Isa with Cloncurry.

They found that their geiger counter, clicked in a most encouraging fashion in a dry creek bed. But they could find no sign of the major uranium lode.

The following week, John Walton, and his father, Clem, and McConachy returned to the spot, and discovered that the radioactivity came from rounded black stones in the creek bed. Reasoning that these stones must have broken off the mother lode, the trio criss-crossed the creek, working upstream and testing all outcrops with their counters.

In this way, they followed the creek back to its source, in a hill of uranium ore. Their indicators showed that it gave a count of 15,000 against the normal background of 1,000.

They named the hill after McConachy's wife, Mary Kathleen, who had died only three weeks previously. Mrs. McConachy had kept encouraging the men when their efforts seemed in vain and only a short time before her death, told them: "Keep going, you'll strike it rich some day."

#### LOCAL BOOM

News of the Mary Kathleen find brought a uranium boom to Mount Isa and as local residents put it: "You couldn't throw a stone for geiger counters."

Overnight, Clem Walton became a big business tycoon and opened negotiations for the syndicate with Australian mining companies. Before he broke down from the strain, he sold the claim to Australian interests for £250,000. Then the eight men disappeared—"went into smoke" in the local slang. The publicity was too much for them.

Now the big mining companies have moved into Mount Isa. Their teams of trained geologists, working systematically through the surrounding country, are replacing the more haphazard prospectors.

The latest announcement was that the Rio Tinto group had a 51 per cent holding in the lease, Australian Oil Exploration 39 per cent and the vendors 10 per cent. The management is now deciding whether it would be worth while establishing a uranium treatment plant on the field.

#### MORE PROSPERITY

This would bring more prosperity to Mt Isa, a mining town already rich from its silver-lead lodes.

The spectacular success of the Waltons and the McConachys has made little difference to their styles of living. They still make their homes in Mount Isa. But there are some changes. John Walton is in the Army and Clem Walton has stopped driving a taxi to take care of the syndicate's business negotiations.

Mick Walton is still prospecting, but he has swapped his dusty jeep for an American luxury car. The car, parked outside his small Mount Isa home, is almost as long as the frontage of the house.

The finders of the Mary Kathleen deposits are not the only successful prospectors in Mount Isa. Thirty-year-old Sam Grant, who came to Mount Isa from Sydney in late 1953, sold a claim recently for £10,000 and has interests in a number of others. He stands to get another £80,000 if the claim he sold proves a commercial success.

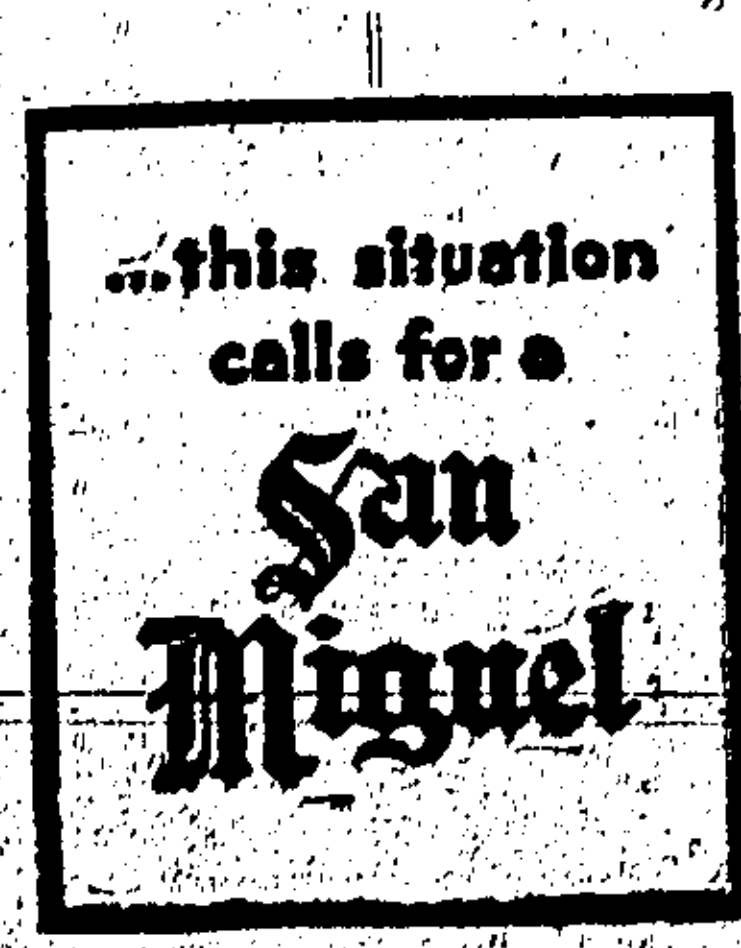
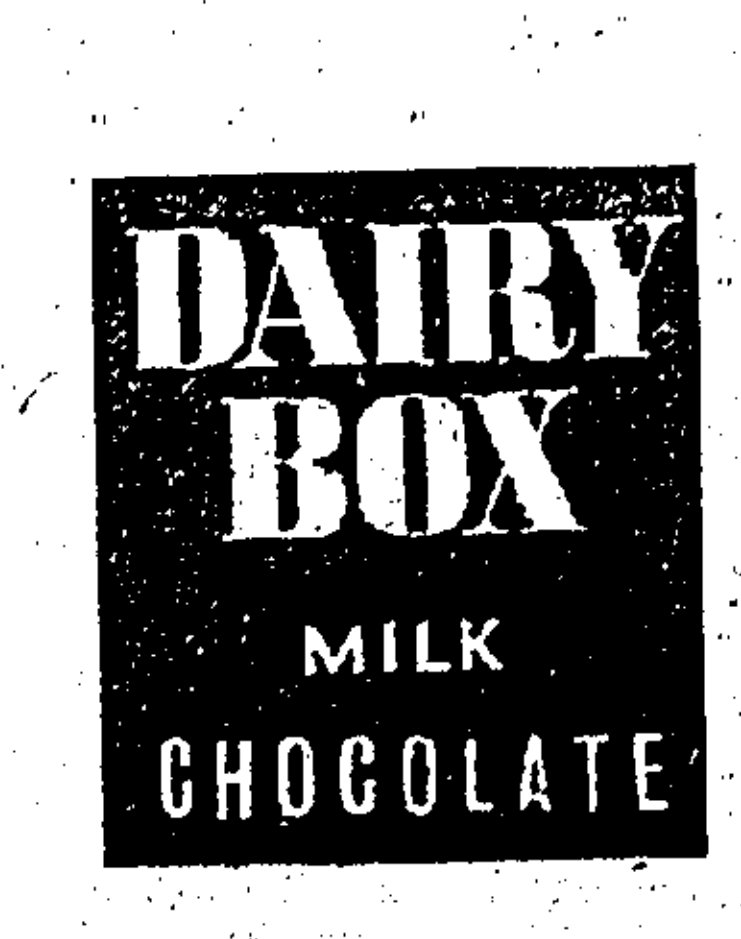
Grant got a job with Mount Isa Mines on shift work, then dashed off to spend his days in the hills prospecting. He claims to have a "sixth-sense" for uranium. When the country "feels right," he says, he goes in with his geiger counter—and his finds prove the success of this method.

Once his counter starts clicking, Grant systematically maps out the extent of the deposits. He works over the radioactive area and looks for rock outcrops to test. Even a couple of feet of soil, he says, are enough to blanket some of the gamma rays.

#### DESERT PROSPECTING

Uranium prospectors are gathering in Mount Isa again now because the approaching southern winter will bring cool, clear weather to make desert prospecting comfortable.

But Mount Isa old-timers mourn that the glorious days of the uranium rush, when prospectors broke out of town in the hope the next hill would bring them fortune, are probably gone for ever.—China Mail Special.









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**Literary  
Circles**

WITH Bloomsbury, no distance away and famous publishing houses almost on the doorstep, it is not altogether surprising that literature should make its influence felt among those who work in Covent Garden Market.

To judge from the picture that a young man named Alfred painted of the cafes and taverns around the market, the atmosphere in many of them is not unlike that of a learned society's headquarters.

In this one sit market-porters quelling Jean Anouilh across the tea-stained table-tops; in that, a group of drivers expertly analyse the varied schools of modern writing, over their mild and bitter.

**THE GIFT**

SO Alfred, makes it seem, and if a stranger to the circle should ever intrude and find the only literature much in evidence was the racing pages of the papers, be sure that this would be a kind of optical illusion or show a want in him of acute observation.

Alfred, moving constantly, by virtue of his jobs, in these literary circles, was not vastly surprised when, the other evening, a stranger came up to him and said: "Want two good books?"

The stranger did not wait for an answer, but thrusting at him two crisp new books, vanished round a corner. To Alfred there seemed only one thing to do—accept the gift in the spirit in which it appeared to have been made.

**ALFRED LOSES NERVE**

HE tucked the two books under his coat and made for home. He had hardly gone more than a dozen yards when two plain clothes policemen stopped him. "What have you got under your coat there?" they asked.

"Well, books," Alfred said.

"Let's have a look."

Alfred produced the two books. He was asked how he had come by them. "I got them at a shop in Charing Cross Road," he said, untruthfully. "I'll take you there, if you like."

The invitation was quickly accepted. The trio headed for the street of books. Half-way there, Alfred's nerve went. "As a matter of fact," he blurted, "Feller gave me these books, just now."

**A GREAT READER?**

AT Bow Street next morning, Alfred, a handsome, black-haired man of 30, pleaded not guilty to a charge of failing to give a satisfactory account of how he came to be in possession of two books reasonably suspected of having been stolen. For the books were two titles just at that time being distributed to shops from a warehouse near the market.

He told his story, and Mr. Bertram Reese, the magistrate, asked: "Are you a great book-reader?"

"Well, I have a magazine delivered every Saturday," Alfred answered. "And the wife, she's a member of a book club."

"Didn't it strike you as suspicious, having the books thrust on you like that?"

**SIMPLE PLEASURE**

"WELL, I just thought to myself here two books," said Alfred. "People's always reading new books, novels, etcetera, in the cafes and the market."

Mr. Reese raised his eyebrows and looked over his spectacles, but made no comment on the literary life. Instead, he asked Alfred: "You thought everything was above board?"

"Oh, yes," Alfred answered. "Quite satisfied about this," said the magistrate. "Anything known?"

Nothing to Alfred's discredit was known, and he was discharged conditionally. Alfred left the books were gathered up and taken away. And a sign of simple pleasure came from the public gallery when the title of one of the books was seen. It was a book of memoirs by a leading light of Scotland Yard.

**False Alarm**

Two Emergency Unit cars and a Police van sped along Queen's Road Central in response to an alarm at the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. at 11.50 a.m. today.

On arrival at the Bank, they found it was a false alarm and returned to the Police Station.

**SAW LIGHTERS SINK**

**Eye-witness's  
Account Of Storm  
Incident**

A crew member of one of the lighters involved in alleged collisions in the Kowloon Wharves area during a typhoon on September 2, 1953, told of the sinking of several lighters when he gave evidence before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Supreme Court this morning at the continued hearing of the claim for damages brought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., against Wang Kee and Co., stevedores and merchants.

Mr J. P. Hewitt, Senior Surveyor of Ships, Marine Department, is sitting with Mr Justice J. R. Gregg as Assessor.

Plaintiffs, represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada QC, and Mr T. A. Shurlock, instructed by Mr R. A. Wadson, of Messrs Deacons, are claiming damages totalling \$70,533.15 from Wang Kee and Co., stevedores and merchants, of 34-37 Connaught Road Central, arising from the sinking of four of their lighters and damage to three others during the typhoon in the Colony on the early morning of September 2, 1953. Plaintiffs alleged negligence on the part of defendants.

Wang Kee and Co. are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Leslie Wright, and Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr Y. K. Kan, of Messrs Lo and Lo.

In their claim, plaintiffs alleged that by the negligence of defendants, their servants and agents, lighters belonging to defendants were drifted and bore down and collided with plaintiffs' lighters, sinking four and damaging three.

**CREW WENT ASHORE**

Li Kam-wai, former crew member of plaintiff company's lighter no. 22, earlier testified that his lighter was moored by the port bow of the s.s. Neillore, berthed at Wharf no. 3 north and that the whole crew went ashore on the early morning of September 2, 1953, straddle the bows of another lighter, no. 72, berthed among a row of lighters between the bows of the Neillore and the Praya wall. He said he watched the events from a position by the corner of the Wharf and Praya.

He saw no. 22, straddle the bows of another steel lighter, also drifting. Both steel lighters continued to drift in towards the Praya, coming close to the row of moored lighters, and then swung broadside on to the Praya wall and came to rest.

Not long afterwards, said witness, he saw no. 22 also drifting in towards the Praya and came up against lighter no. 57 (one of the row of moored lighters). There was nobody on board any of the three drifting lighters, he added.

The two steel lighters pounded each other end to end.

**Getting Ready  
For Christmas**

Christmas Cards are on the way. Thirty ladies spent thirty minutes this morning choosing three which will be reproduced for sale in aid of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the Mission to Lepers.

They voted instead for Chinese scenes painted by members of the committee, Mrs Sue Angus and Mrs W. Watson.

**European Motorist  
Cautioned**

D. B. Evans, of 17 Shek-O Road, appeared before Mr Thomas Tam at Central this morning facing two traffic summonses of causing an unnecessary obstruction and driving a private car into Duddell Street—a closed road.

He pleaded guilty to the first summons, and was cautioned by the Magistrate. The second charge was dismissed by the Court when it was established that Mr Evans possessed a permit to enter Duddell Street. The offence took place at 12.30 p.m. on March 12.

**Fire On Board Ship**

A small fire occurred on board the s.s. Isabel in Kowloon Bay early this morning. The fire was discovered in one of the hold of the ship, carrying scrap metal, at 2 a.m.

The fire brigade were aboard and extinguished the fire within half an hour.

**SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith**



"Too bad I can't help with the house cleaning—but you realise how desperate I am, with only 10 days to finish my income tax return!"

**Leper On Indecent  
Exposure Charge**

A leper, with large unblinking eyes, appeared before Mr T. Creeden in Kowloon this morning on a charge of indecent exposure.

When asked whether he pleaded guilty or not to the charge, Li Ka-hun, 23, stood mutely before the court.

Then he lifted his arm and made a dismissing gesture. This was taken to mean a plea of not guilty.

Chief Inspector T. Dow testified that on May 17 he saw defendant walking around Yen Chow Street, stark naked. At the time school children and factory girls were in the street. He arrested defendant and took him to Shamshuipo Police.

The Inspector said that the man had been arrested once before on May 12 when he was seen chasing people in the street. "Apparently mentally distressed."

He was taken to Kowloon Hospital where he spent one night, but was sent back to the station the next morning. Medical officers advised him to go home to the Kowloon Tsai resettlement area and contact the leper clinic at Kowloon Hospital every Thursday morning.

**To Visit Hay  
Ling Chau**

The French philanthropist M. Raoul Follereau who has just arrived back from Macao, where he was a guest of the Governor, will tomorrow visit the leper settlement on the island of Hay Ling Chau.

He will give a talk tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. at the Alliance Francaise on "Presence de la France."

During his stay here he is hoping to get in touch with various organizations concerned with social welfare. He will leave for Japan on Saturday morning.

**STONED HIM**

But the defendant could not go home, Inspector Dow continued. Whenever he went near the resettlement area, those living there who were superstitious and terribly afraid of the disease would chase him out with sticks and sometimes even stone him.

**Britain's New Envoy To Peking  
"A Brilliant Official"**

London, May 17.

A British diplomat who broke off his career rather than support the 1938 Munich Pact "appeasement" policy will be Britain's new envoy to Communist China, it was announced tonight.

Mr Con O'Neill, 42, head of the Foreign Office News Department, will replace Mr Humphrey Trevelyan as Britain's Charge d'Affaires in Peking. His promotion to this top post caused surprise in some diplomatic quarters.

Short, bespectacled and school teacherish in appearance, Mr O'Neill has worked closely in the past 18 months with Sir Anthony Eden, who also quit the 1938 Government in opposition to appeasement.

**ATTENDED SEATO TALKS**

When Sir Anthony Eden, as Foreign Secretary attended the Geneva Far East conference last Summer, Mr O'Neill, who resumed his diplomatic career in 1943, was there as chief British spokesman. Again.

**RECEIVED CONFERENCE OF SEATO**

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**ALLEGED DEMAND FOR \$300 FOR  
MAKING A FAVOURABLE REPORT**

**Revenue Officer  
Charged  
With Corruption**

A Class I Revenue Officer was accused at the Victoria District Court this morning of corruptly receiving \$300 for making a favourable report to his superiors about a firm in connection with the issuing of certificates of origin.

The accused, Leung Tse-ku, 35, pleaded not guilty to the charge before Judge A. D. Scholes. He was represented by Mr Y. H. Chan of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko. He was on bail of \$5,000.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, assisted by Mr T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant Superintendent of Police, of the Anti-Corruption Branch.

Leung was alleged to have received the money from Daniel Djung on February 11 as a reward for making a favourable report about Djung's business to the Department of Commerce and Industry.

Mr Collier said that in February this year, Daniel Djung entered into a partnership with one Djung Yin-shing, who was incidentally, not related to him, for the purpose of making carved furniture for export to the United States.

They rented room 217 in Prince's Building for their office.

**FIRMS INVESTIGATED**

Crown Counsel said the American Consulate called on the Department of Commerce and Industry for the bona fide characters of the firms who exported the goods to America. Consequently, each firm which applied for authorisation to export was investigated by an Inspector of the Department.

Daniel Djung applied for such authorisation on February 11. Eventually, accused and the two Djungs went to a workshop in Gillies Avenue, Hung Hom, where accused inspected the place.

Accused, Mr Collier alleged, had a talk with the two partners, the effect of which was that if they wanted him to make a favourable report of their business, they would have to pay him \$500.

After some objection from the Djungs, Leung lowered the amount to \$300. It was agreed that the money be paid the following day at accused's house.

**REPORTED TO POLICE**

But Daniel Djung reported the matter to the Police. Acting on instructions, he arranged with accused that the money be collected at the firm's office in Prince's Building.

Crown Counsel said that on February 11, Daniel Djung waited for accused at the part-time office, while Inspector Lee of the Police, hid in an adjacent storeroom, when Leung came to collect the \$300, in three \$100-bills, the Inspector came out.

He was searched and the bills were found on him.

Inspector Lee checked the serial numbers on the \$100-bills with the numbers he had on a piece of paper which he had with him, and found they were the same. Leung was arrested.

**Nine Months'  
Gaol For  
Pickpocket**

A 22-year-old pickpocket was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr H. H. B. How at Kowloon Court this morning.

The accused, Tsui Wan-sang, was caught red handed by a police reservist in a bus when he lifted a wallet containing \$94 from the inside jacket pocket of a passenger who was sitting down.

The incident occurred on Bus No. 5 as it was passing down Chatham Road near Valley Road on April 14.

Mr How said he was treating the case with "a little more leniency than he deserved" because of his financial straits.

The accused has a wife and two children, and said that his wife is expecting a third. His wife wept in court as he was being sentenced.



**HOW LOW CAN  
HI-FI GET?**

When you put a record on a turntable and place the pick-up head on the record you expect to hear music coming from the speaker. This is a very simple process.

The variations on this little operation are many and one of the ways in which it is done is through the internal acrobatics of a juke-box. This monstrous invention is fortunately not often heard in Hong Kong but in America it has an importance of its own.

In most 'drug-stores' and other places where pop fans gather, the gaudy coloured boxes churn out the latest in hits for as long as there are people prepared to pay the fee. Some of them have as many as a hundred dials from which to choose and there are just about as many colours flashing and bubbling away in the complicated glass and plastic front.

By and large then, the modern juke-box looks like a cross between a cinema organ and a technicolor waterfall. Now as could be expected, there is on the market in America a 'Hi-Fi' model. Imagine, if you can, some of the modern music in 'Hi-Fi'.... The Crew Cuts singing 'Oop — Shoop'.... every little splash captured in sound. When Jeanne Ray sings you can HEAR the tear-drops fall!.... and of course the records of such singers as Patti Page, Doris Day, Rosemary Clooney all sound so true to life that you can actually hear the singers breathing.

**THE FACE BEHIND  
THE VOICE**



**GUY MITCHELL**

First chance came when Mitch Miller of Columbia records heard an audition disc made for a songwriter. Mitch liked the voice and traced the singer, signed a contract and made records and then carried on in the usual on-wards and upwards fashion. Latest release available, "What Am I Doing In Kansas City?"

**A BOXING DON  
WHO SINGS**

Don Cockell having lost his fight with Rocky Marciano yesterday it is perhaps tactless to mention Don Cockell, the singer who has been going down very well in Britain. Some of you will remember him as a Sammy Kaye singer, others will know that he has recently made a great deal of good discs as a soloist.

A fact which may surprise you and one which has received a lot of attention in Britain is that Don Cockell was a Golden Gloves winner in the 1940's and once did some sparring with Rocky Marciano.

It remains to be seen whether the other Don will decide that singing is a more pleasant and profitable profession.

**WHAT THEY  
ARE DOING**

Errol Garner has opened his new publishing company and will start the catalogue with 45 of his own compositions, and that's one way of getting your music published. In